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**To:** [Miller, Garyg](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fishing in the San Jacinto River (subsistence fishing)  
**Date:** Friday, October 16, 2015 2:17:56 PM  
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I'm not aware of any formal guidance/policy, but I'm looking into it and asking other regional risk folks

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**From:** Miller, Garyg  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:59 PM  
**To:** Turner, Philip  
**Subject:** FW: Fishing in the San Jacinto River (subsistence fishing)

Phil,

I will respond to this – but can you help with the definition of subsistence fishing (guidance link?), and whether we use a standard questionnaire?

Thanks,

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Hello Gary-

I am following up on our Tuesday phone conversation regarding subsistence fishing/crabbing in the SJRWP area of concern. First, as you requested I will document some of the locations of the fishing/crabbing photos that Jackie and I have sent you.

Can you clarify a couple of things for me?

- First, can you tell me if the EPA plans to survey fishermen and crabbers in the area to confirm the incidence of subsistence fishing? If so, can you tell me when that might occur?
- Second, can you clarify the specific definition of subsistence fishing that the EPA would use? And if available, could you share the questionnaire, or reasonable facsimile, that would be



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used when conducting the survey?

As I mentioned to you, I do believe that a professional, EPA- or neutral third party- led fishing/crabbing survey should be part of the FS given that risk analysis is currently only based on recreational fishing, which would underestimate the consumption amounts.

It is possible that GBF and/or SJRC could survey fishermen to try to help document it's occurrence, but we would need to know the definition to know what specific questions to ask and we would need to have an idea of how many surveys would need to be completed to ensure the results are scientifically-defensible. Again, I think that this is crucially important and should be done by EPA or a neutral third party.

Thanks-  
Scott

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